



**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2022**

REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) 2022 – 2025
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REPORT SUMMARY

The Health and Wellbeing Board has responsibility for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The process for producing a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wirral began in Spring 2020 with a view to its publication in March 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the publication date was put back to September 2022 as per national direction.

This report provides the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2022 – 2025 for public consultation between April and June 2022, ahead of signing off the final publication of a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wirral on or before 30th September 2022.

A further report will be brought following the conclusion of the public consultation and for the sign-off the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2022 – 2025 for Wirral that must be published on or before 30th September 2022.

The proposed actions affect all wards within the borough.

The decision requested is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Approve the draft Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022 to 2025) for its required mandatory public consultation between April and June 2022.
2. Request the Director of Public Health produce a final report for the board in September 2022 prior to the mandatory publication of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment on or before 30th September 2022.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The local Health and Wellbeing Board has the responsibility for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) as a consequence of the 2013 Health & Social Care Act.
- 1.2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment provides a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and an assessment of population needs that direct future provision.
- 1.3 The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment must have a public consultation, for a minimum period of 60 days. as outlined in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
- 1.4 Following this consultation period, and any required amendments to the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, a final report will be brought back to Health and Wellbeing Board to sign-off the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment prior to publication on or before 30th September 2022.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not applicable as this is a mandatory process as set out in The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made>
- 2.2 By not undertaking, and publishing, a review of local pharmaceutical services, then the Council could be challenged to justify its alleged failure to discharge its duty.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 From April 2013, Health and Wellbeing Boards became responsible for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which provide a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and opening hours as well as an assessment of population needs.
- 3.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2013 provides the legislation that requires the Health and Wellbeing Board to produce a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment every three years. To date Wirral has produced three Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments in 2011, 2015 to 2018 and the current version 2018 to 2021.
- 3.3 Since 2014 the approach has been led by Public Health, and since 2017 produced by Wirral Intelligence Service, with support from local and sub-regional partners. This next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025) is being coordinated by Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Development Group and is on track to meet the necessary delivery timeframe.
- 3.4 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is used primarily by NHS England to inform their local commissioning decisions regarding community pharmacy services. It also informs councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups for planning purposes.

- 3.5 There is a legal requirement for the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board to publish an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment before the 30th September 2022.
- 3.6 Wirral's current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (see links in subject history below) was produced in 2018 and concluded that the borough is well served in terms of spread of community pharmacies. There was one pharmacy for every 3,402 residents, which compared favourably to the national average of one pharmacy for every 5,000 residents.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications for Wirral Council.
- 4.2 NHS England will use the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment as the basis for future commissioning decisions in relation to community pharmacy services in Wirral.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is a mandatory requirement for the local Health and Wellbeing Board to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment every three years. This has been extended by initially 12 months and then a further 6 months to account of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no additional resources to complete the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The work is led by Wirral Council's Intelligence Service and Public Health teams in collaboration with Cheshire and Merseyside Councils to ensure consistency in approach and production.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 The key risk is that the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is not delivered within the required timeframe of on or before 30th September 2022. In order to mitigate this risk a detailed project timeline has been developed.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 **Pharmacy Survey – Contractors and provision - Complete**
A Pharmacy Survey was conducted between June and August 2021. Responses were collated and incorporated into this first final draft of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.
- 8.2 **Public Survey – Pharmacy Services - Complete**
A public survey was conducted during November 2021. Responses were collated and incorporated into this first final draft of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.
- 8.3 **Formal consultation on a new draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**
As part of the production of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, there is a mandatory requirement to consult with a wide group of consultees including some mandated consultee groups (listed in Appendix One).

This consultation will be held for a minimum of 60 days between April and June 2022. This will be undertaken using the council engagement platform, 'Have Your Say'. Responses will be collated and reported to the board by 30th September 2022.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Equality Impact Assessments have been produced where appropriate for surveys and consultations and used to inform any final decisions.
- 9.2 The equality issues that could be envisaged from the consultation of this report have been recorded, and actions to mitigate incorporated, into an EIA and this is published at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Wirral Council is committed to carrying out its work in an environmentally responsible manner, and these principles will guide the development of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment follows direct NHS England commissioning intentions, and as such the level of community pharmacy services in Wirral.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Mandatory Engagement List - as per legislation

Appendix 2: Full Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025) -

<http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD1334&ID=1334&RPID=523339039>

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/contents/made>

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 – 2025 2022 – 2025 development and publication	29/09/2021
Pharmaceutical Needs Analysis 2021 – 2024 development and publication	11/03/2020
14/03/2018 - Health and Wellbeing Board	14/03/2018

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Consultation on pharmaceutical needs assessments - consultee list (minimum requirements and extended list)

According to pharmaceutical regulations the draft document must be distributed for comment to: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/regulation/8/made>

- Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC)
- Local Medical Committee (LMC)
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists
- Dispensing doctors (if situated within Wirral boundary)
- Any Essential Small Pharmacies (known as LPS chemists) contracted under the Local Pharmaceutical Services provisions by NHS England
- Local Healthwatch
- Any consumer or community group that Wirral H&WBB consider having an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services
- Any local NHS trust or NHS Foundation Trusts in the area
- NHS England/NHS Commissioning Board
- Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards

The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment invite to comment will be extended to:

- Councillors and Committees
- Wirral Partnership
- GPs, Practices, and other Primary Care Staff
- Wirral Health and Care Commissioning (covering NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group, Wirral Council Adult Social Care and Public Health)
- Cheshire and Wirral
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Neighbouring Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Neighbouring Local Medical Committee
- Local Dental Committee
- Local Ophthalmic Committee

Patients and Public

- Patient Participation Groups
- Older People's Parliament
- Voluntary Sector Groups
- Community Sector Groups
- Faith Sector Groups

Other Methods considered:

- Press releases to variety of outlets
- Council and Partners websites
- Wirral Intelligence Service Website and Bulletin
- Council Engagement Contacts via email distribution
- Local Pharmaceutical Committee website and bulletin

Note: Four hard copies of the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025) will be placed in accessible main libraries for the duration of the consultation period (one per constituency). All opportunities to widen engagement identified in the EIA and other opportunities will be explored in this process to extend access wherever possible.

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